

Election of Invention
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REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-15, 17, and 22-24 are withdrawn herein.

II. Election of Invention

The Examiner requests a restriction of the claims to one of the claimed inventions, described as follows: Invention I comprises claims 1-15 and is drawn to a tool for starting a fastener, classified in class 29, subclass 270; Invention II comprises claims 16-21 and is drawn to a method for starting a fastener, classified in class 29, subclass 559; Invention III comprises claims 22-24 and is drawn to a method for making a tool to start a fastener, classified in class 29, subclass 458. Applicant notes that claim 17 is dependent on claim 2, so claim 17 is directed to Invention I rather than Invention II. Invention II therefore comprises claims 16 and 18-21.

Applicant hereby elects Invention II and withdraws the claims directed to Inventions I and III from the application. Applicant believes this response to be fully responsive and requests that the application proceed to examination.

Respectfully submitted,



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